

**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the following amended paragraph:

A cover ~~is provided~~ for a flatbed trailer ~~in which~~ comprises two symmetrical halves of an outer shell forming the cover which are secured to respective longitudinal sides of the deck of the trailer for pivoting into an open position in a sideways lateral direction. The front and rear ends of the deck of the trailer are thus unobstructed for loading with ramps as desired.